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WHERE AWAY.

O the Lands of Where Away!
Tell us—tell us—where are they?
Through the darkness and the dawn
We have journeyed on and on—
From the cradle to the cross—
From possession unto loss,
Seeking still from day to day
For the Lands of Where Away.

When our baby feet were first
Planted where the daisies burst,
And the greenest grasses grew
In the fields we wandered through,
Still with childish discontent
Ever on and on we went,
Hoping still to pass some day,
O'er the verge of Where Away.

Roses laid their velvet lips
On our own, with fragrant sips,
But their kisses help us not,
But their sweetness we forgot;
Though the brambles in our track
Plucked at us to hold us back—
'Just ahead,' we used to say,
"Lie the Lands of Where Away."

Children at the pasture-bars,
Through the dusk, like glimmering stars
Waved their hands that we should bide
With them over eventide.
Down the dark their voices failed
Falteringly as they hailed,
And died into yesterday—
Night ahead and—Where Away?

Twining arms about us thrown—
Warm caresses, all our own,
Can but stay us for a spell—
Love has nothing new to tell
To the soul in need supreme,
Aching ever with the dream
Of the endless bliss it may
Find in Lands of Where Away!

—*J. W. Riley, in Indianapolis Journal.*

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The Ages of Presidents.

The occurrence of President Arthur's birthday last Friday, suggests a glance at the ages of the other twenty Presidents. Death has made four Presidents, John Tyler in 1841, when he was 51; Millard Fillmore in 1850, when he was [illegible]; Andrew Johnson in 1865, when he was 57; and Chester A. Arthur in 1881, when he was 51. Of the four Presidents who have died in office, Garfield was the youngest when inaugurated, being but [illegible]; Harrison died a month after his inauguration in 1841, at 68; General Taylor sixteen months after his inauguration in 1849, at 65; and Lincoln four years and a little more than a month after his first inauguration in 1861, at 56. It is interesting to notice that while Lincoln and Garfield died most tragic deaths, President Harrison's death was the result of a cold he caught while going to market, and Gen. Taylor's the result of eating cherries and drinking cold milk after sitting in the hot sun an hour during the Fourth of July exercises at the Washington monument.

Washington was 58 when first inaugurated in this city ninety-three years ago; John Adams, the first college-bred President, was 61 when inaugurated; Thomas Jefferson, who was educated at the College of William and Mary and in range of knowledge is thought to compare favorably with Burke, was 58; James Madison, a graduate of Princeton, was 58; James Monroe, who left the College of William and Mary to join the Revolutionary Army, was 59; John Quincy Adams, who like John Adams was a Harvard graduate, was 58; Andrew Jackson was 62; Martin Van Buren was 55; James K. Polk, who graduated at the University of North Carolina, was 50; Franklin Pierce, who graduated at Bowdoin College, was 49; James Buchanan, a graduate of Dickinson College, was 66; Gen. Grant, the only man West Point has trained for the White House, was 47, and Rutherford B. Hayes, was 55. Thirteen of the Presidents, including Garfield, a graduate of Williams College, and Arthur, who graduated at Union College in 1848, have been college-bred men, but they reached the goal of their ambition no earlier in life than the Presidents whose educational advantages were more limited. President Harrison graduated at Hampden Sidney College, and President Tyler at the College of William and Mary.

Gen. Grant was the youngest of the Presidents at the time of inauguration, although he is now about six months older than ex-President Hayes, and eight and a half older than President Arthur. If he lives as long as the elder Adams, he has almost thirty years before him. Five Presidents have lived more than eighty years: John Adams dying at 90, Jefferson at [illegible], Madison at 85, John Q. Adams at 81 and Van Buren at 80. Polk is the only President who died a natural death at less than 60 years of age, reaching but [illegible]. Lincoln was cut off at 56 and Garfield at [illegible]. The former would be but 73 were he now living. It is evident that the office of chief executive is not unfavorable to longevity.—*N. Y. Mail and Express.*

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—Father Peter John Beckx, the General of the Order of Jesuits, is now in his eighty-seventh year, and his declining health has of late given rise to much speculation concerning his probable successor. He has been at the head of the order for nearly thirty years, which is an unusually long period, since it is the rule for only men already well advanced in years to be elevated to the position.—*N. Y. Herald.*

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—A little glue dissolved in skim-milk and water will restore the stiffness and luster to crape, and make it look like new.

—Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all vir-

An Invasion by Ants.

The invasion of the Island of Grenada by ants of the saccharivora species, about a hundred years ago, was quite Homeric in its magnitude. "They descended from the hills," we are told, "like torrents, and the plantations, as well as every path and road for miles, were filled by them. Rats, mice, and reptiles of every kind became an easy prey to them; and even the birds, which they attacked whenever they alighted on the ground in search of food, were so harassed as to be at length unable to resist them. Streams of water opposed only a temporary obstacle to their progress, the foremost rushing blindly on to certain death, and fresh armies instantly following, till a bank was formed of the carcases of those which were drowned sufficient to dam up the waters and allow the main body to pass over in safety. Even fire was tried without effect. When it was lighted to arrest their route they rushed into the blaze in such myriads as to extinguish it." Such was the devastation caused by these little invaders that a reward of twenty thousand pounds was offered, and in vain, for their destruction, and they were not got rid of until a [illegible] and swept them away.—*London Telegraph.*

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—Mr. Eugene Schuyler, who has been connected with the United States diplomatic service in Europe for many years, has returned to New York on a visit. In speaking of the present exodus of Russian Jews from that country he says that one of the grievances that led to the present troubles are the methods they have employed for getting the peasantry in their power. The Jews, he states, lend money on good security, and then insist upon the most rigid enforcement of their claims. They are the possessors of a great deal of land which has come to them through this means. None of the Jews are artisans or farmers.—*Chicago News.*

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—"Mamma," said a wee pet, "they sung 'I want to be an angel,' in Sunday-school this morning, and I sung with them." "Why, Nellie," exclaimed mamma, "could you keep time with the rest?" "I guess I could," proudly answered little Nellie. "I kept ahead of them most all the way through."—*N. Y. Tribune.*

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—The Hartford *Times* thinks that Pittsburgh will never make a success of glass shingles. There is no chance for the carpenters to waste nails.

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